Introduction of Social Security Card

295. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to introduce 'Social Security Card' to all the workers in the country to enable them to get social security benefit during their service period and after retirement; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard with financial implications thereof and by when the scheme would become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Employees Provident Fund Organisation proposes to issue a nationally unique Social Security Number to all the EPF subscribers. Social Security Number will be based on unique features of the worker and will have biometric details. The cost and the timeframe for the scheme to become operational cannot be indicated at this stage.

Range of wages for daily wage labourers

296. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the range of wages for the daily wage labourers in the agriculture and allied sectors across the country alongwith the State-wise figures for the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any plans to revise and standardize the minimum wages for both male and female in the agriculture and allied sectors, as the present wage system does not provide them proper living wages; and

(c) whether Government have any special policy for the unorganized sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A statement indicating the range of

minimum wages of the agricultural unskilled workers in different States for the last three years is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The Minimum Wages Act, 1948, which provides for fixation and revision of minimum wage in the scheduled employments including agriculture throughout the country does not discriminate between male and female workers. Under the provisions of the Act, the female workers receive the same wages as paid to the male workers.

(c) A Social Security Scheme for agricultural workers namely Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2001 has been launched w.e.f. July, 2001. The scheme which is being implemented through LIC envisages life-cum-death insurance, money-back pension and superannuation benefits.

Statement

Range of the rates of minimum wages of the agricultural unskilled workers from 2000—2002

(In Rs. per day)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2000	2001	2002
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.00 to 36.50 (According to zones)	52.00 to 55.50 (According to zones)	52.00 to 55.50 (According to zones)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	35.60 to 37.60 (According to Areas)	39.87 to 42.11 (According to Areas)	39.87 to 42.11 (According to Areas)
3.	Assam	45.00* (without food, shelter and clothing) 38.60 (with food, shelter and clothing)	45.00* (without food, shelter and clothing) 38.60 (with food, shelter and clothing)	45.00* (without food, shelter and clothing) 38.60 (with food shelter and clothing)
4.	Bihar	37.88*	37.88*	45.18*
5.	Goa	58.00	58.00	58.00
6.	Gujarat	34.00	50.00	50.00
7.	Haryana	74.30*	74.61*	74.61*

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	26.00 to 45.75	51.00	51.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00	45.00	45.00
10.	Karnataka	26.00	51.63	51.63
11.	Kerala	30.00*(for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00*(for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)	30.00*(for light work) 40.20 (for hard work)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	49.46*	51.80*	51.80*
13.	Maharashtra	39.00 to 41.00 (According to Zones)	45.00	45.00
14.	Manipur	55.00 *(for Hill Areas) 52.00 (for other than Hill Areas)	62.15 *(for Valley Areas) 65.15 (for Hill Areas)	62.15 *(for Velley Areas) 65.15 (for Hill Areas)
15.	Meghalaya	50.00*	50.00*	50.00*
16.	Mizoram	70.00	70.00	84.00
17.	Nagaland	40.00	45.00	45.00
18.	Orissa	42.50*	42.50*	52.50*
19.	Punjab	69.10	72.38 *(with meal) 82.08 (without meal)	72.38* (with meal) 82.08 (without meal)
20.	Rajasthan	60.00	60.00	60.00
21.	Sikkim	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 yet to be examined		
22.	Tamil Nadu	54.00	54.00	54.00
23.	Tripura	40.00	45.00	45.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	47.00 to 49.00	58.00	58.00
25.	West Bengal	58.90 *(with meal) 62.10 (without meal)	58.90 *(with meal) 62.10 (without meal)	58.90 *(with 62.10 (without meal)
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	50.00 Andaman 53.00 Nicobar	70.00 Andaman 75.00 Nicobar	70.00 Andaman 75.00 Nicobar
27.	Chandigarh	71.93	81.65*	81.65*

1	2	3	4	5
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	60.00*	60.00*	60.00*
29.	Delhi	93.00*	99.70*	102.60*
30.	Daman & Diu	35.00	Not available	Not available
31.	Laskhadweep	45.00	46.80*	46.80*
32.	Pondicherry			
	(i) Pondicherry Region	20.00 to 22.00	20.00 to 22.00	45.00 to 100.00
	(ii) Mahe Region	30.00 (for light work)	30.00 (for light work)	30.00 (for light work)
		40.20 (for hard	40.20 (for hard work)	40.20 (for hard work)
	(iii) Yanam Region	19.25 to 26.25	19.25 to 26.25	19.25 to 26.25
	(iv) Karaikal Region	20.00 to 22.00	20.00 to 22.00	45.00 to 100.00

Note : *Indicate the provision of variable dearness allowance with the minimum rate of wages.

Plight of the workers of unorganised sector

†297. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plight of the workers of unorganised sector is pitiable despite many efforts of Government and they do not get full remuneration and employment throughout the year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to provide proper remuneration and employment to the workers throughout the year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the conditions of workers in the unorganised sector. The Government has enacted various legislations like the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 to ensure payment of minimum wages in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.